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Please **delete** paragraphs [0002]-[0006] in the specification, and **replace** as follows:

[0002] U.S. patent application Ser. No. 10/683,933 entitled "A System And Method For Vertical Perimeter Protection" by Sunay Tripathi, Bruce Curtis filed October 10, 2003 is incorporated herein by reference.

[0003] U.S. patent application Ser. No. 10/683,720, now U.S. Patent 7,290,055, entitled "Multi-Threaded Accept Mechanism in a Vertical Perimeter Communication Environment" by Sunay Tripathi and E. Nordmark, filed October 10, 2003 is incorporated herein by reference.

[0004] U.S. patent application Ser. No. 10/683,959 entitled "Running A Communication Protocol State Machine Through A Packet Classifier" by Sunay Tripathi and Bruce Curtis, filed October 10, 2003 is incorporated herein by reference.

[0005] U.S. patent application Ser. No. 10/683,934, now U.S. Patent 7,313,139, entitled "A Method For Batch Processing Received Message Packets" by Sunay Tripathi and S. Kamatala, filed October 10, 2003 is incorporated herein by reference.

[0006] U.S. patent application Ser. No. 10/683,762 entitled "A Method and System For Transmitting Packet Chains" by Sunay Tripathi, Bruce Curtis and C. Masputra, filed October 10, 2003 is incorporated herein by reference.